COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH COUNTYWIDE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

TRANSFER OPPORTUNITY

PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKER II/MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIAN II

Countywide Resource Management (CRM) – Community Reintegration Program (CRP), which provides mental health screening/triage and linkage for low level offenders with mental illness who are being released to Los Angeles County from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) is recruiting a Psychiatric Social Worker II to review clinical records and triage clients. With the recent passage of the 2011 Public Safety Realignment Legislation, Assembly Bill (AB)109, a significant number of inmates will no longer be released to traditional State Parole. Effective October 1, 2011, certain non-violent, non-serious offenders have been released to Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) upon completion of their prison term. It is estimated that approximately 30 percent of those released to PRCS suffer from mental illness. The CRM-CRP provides mental health screening/triage and linkage to community-based mental health services for these clients. This position is co-located in the City of Alhambra with the Department of Probation. The primary duties and responsibilities of this position include:

- Review of clinical packet provided by the State; triage, consult and make recommendations for mental health treatment upon release, and collaborate with the Probation Department on release planning for inmates identified for release from prison as part of AB 109.
- Consult with community mental health agencies and directly operated program staff dealing with the target population regarding community alternatives available to inmates on reentry.
- Identify system barriers to the successful reintegration of inmates into communities and work with the Supervising Psychiatric Social worker and community partners to resolve barriers.
- Provide coverage for clinicians at one of five hubs as needed.
- Provide other duties as assigned by management.
- The position requires a Monday through Friday 8 4:30 or 8:30- 5 work schedule. There is no 9/80 schedule available.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:

- Knowledge and experience in providing services to adult clients with forensic or criminal justice histories *preferred*.
- Excellent clinical, assessment and communication skills.
- Skill in tracking, multi-tasking, and prioritizing under pressure.
- Experience with psychiatric inpatient hospital discharge planning *preferred*.
- Ability to be creative, problem solve, delegate and motivate.
- Experience working with a multidisciplinary team.
- Adaptable and flexible.

This position's headquarter is currently located at 1925 Daly Street, 2nd floor, Los Angeles, CA 90031. However, this program is relocating to DMH Headquarters, 550 S. Vermont Ave., CA 90020 in the Spring.

Interested individuals who hold the payroll title of Psychiatric Social Worker II or Mental Health Clinician II are encouraged to FAX their resume, last two (2) Performance Evaluations, and last two (2) years of master time records by **March 6, 2015** to:

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